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HIGHLIGHTS

National CACFP Week – March 13-19

National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week is an education and information campaign sponsored annually by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness regarding how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to improve the health of children and combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, family day care homes, afterschool programs, and emergency shelters, as well as adults in day care. For more information on the CACFP, visit: www.health.mo.gov/cacfp.

Health Professional Loan and Loan Repayment Programs

Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) administers four student loan and loan repayment programs for students interested in becoming or a practitioner already licensed as a primary care doctor, dentist, psychiatrist or nurse and currently or willing to work in a Missouri underserved area. You may be eligible to receive a student loan or loan repayment award to pay towards your educational debt. Depending on your discipline, you may be eligible to receive \$5,000 up to \$50,000. The ORHPC has extended the application cycle to **March 15**. Please contact ORHPC to apply via email at DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov, or call 800-891-7415, or visit <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/hpl-lr/index.php>.

VOICES OF LONG COVID CAMPAIGN

Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services is collaborating with Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of the global health organization Vital Strategies, to launch their "Voices of Long COVID" campaign throughout Missouri to increase public awareness of the impact of and unknowns associated with Long COVID. The end goal is to encourage vaccine uptake, particularly among people ages 18-29, so fewer Missourians struggle with the devastating effects of Long COVID. The "[Voices of Long COVID](#)" campaign features testimonials from a diverse group of people ages 18-29 who are suffering from long-term complications of COVID-19 infection. The initiative follows Resolve to Save Lives' recent [national survey](#), which found that nearly a third of American adults are unaware of Long COVID, and that long-hauler stories can motivate 40% of unvaccinated people to consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, go to Missouri's Long COVID webpage at MOStopsCovid.com/LongHaul. Campaign materials (in both English and Spanish) can also be [downloaded at this link](#).

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MEHA) NEWSLETTER

The MEHA Newsletter – Spring 2022 Issue is now available and can be viewed [here](#). Conference Registration is now OPEN!

- [Working with Males In Family Planning Settings Training — March 24, 2022](#)

LPHA Job Opportunities

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozarks Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies (MoALPHA)

The Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies (MoALPHA) is seeking applicants for Executive Director. MoALPHA is a voluntary association of local public health departments (city and county) in Missouri responsible for improving leadership skills and knowledge of core competencies, and engaging members in a unified purpose creating a strong, viable, respected organization. This is a contracted position anticipating an average of 10 hours a week, with an additional eight hours per week during the State Legislative Session. For minimum qualifications, and more information, please click [here](#). Submit resume or a request for a detailed scope of work to Becky Hunt, Chairman at Becky.Hunt@lpha.mo.gov. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

In celebration of National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW), **March 20-26**, individuals and organizations around the country come together to raise poison prevention awareness. Please use our Partner Toolkit located [here](#). If you would like to use any premade graphics, social media messages, and other resources that week on your social media pages. Please remember to use the hashtag #NPPW22. If you need free magnets, brochures, or other resources for your public health clients, please contact Amanda Ruback (Community Outreach Coordinator) at Amanda.Ruback@ssmhealth.com or by phone at: 314-612-5719. Watch for our online events during NPPW on our **Facebook** and **Twitter** pages (@MOPoisonCenter).

MISSOURI FAMILY HEALTH COUNCIL, INC. IS GROWING! -- ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

MFHC is seeking an experienced Accountant to apply accounting principles to prepare financial reports, compile financial statements, analyze financial data, and ensure financial/grant compliance. Outstanding organizational skills, knowledge and experience with QuickBooks, MS Excel and Word are essential, as well as a passion for MFHC's mission and a willingness and desire to join the personal and professional journey toward anti-racism, racial equity and reproductive justice for all. MFHC is a private, nonprofit organization based in Jefferson City that champions access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services by developing and managing family planning and related reproductive health programs. Please see the detailed [job description](#) on the [MFHC Website](#) for more information regarding responsibilities, necessary qualifications, and application instructions. Resumes and cover letters are required and confidential. Compensation, with excellent benefits, is commensurate with experience and education. EOE. **The application deadline for this opportunity is March 11.**

TESTING REMAINS A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL IN FIGHTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is pleased to be able to continue offering free community testing events. The test used at these community testing events is a **PCR test** done by an anterior nares swab to determine the presence of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Results will be available as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours from the event. The latest information can always be found at www.health.mo.gov/communitytest.

During these winter months, it may be necessary to cancel a testing event due to inclement weather in order to protect the safety of our testing staff and those who are seeking testing. Before heading to an event, it is best to check and make sure the event has not been cancelled. The phone number for the cancellation schedule is 417-362-6398. The website will also be updated as cancellations are necessary.

WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>.

- Full-Time MOWINS Specialist Job Opening—State Agency MOWINS Help Desk
- SWEM-SC Upgrade for Card Reader/Writers (CRW)

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

There are no DHSS Job Opportunities/News this week.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

SHOW-ME ECHO SUMMIT -- March 18

Have you ever attended or are preparing to attend an ECHO session/series? Are you thinking about registering for one of the many ECHO options soon? Do you want to know more about what Project ECHO is and how it can serve your local community?

Whoever you are, and whatever experience you have with Show-Me ECHO, we want to celebrate and share with you how Show-Me ECHO is improving healthcare outcomes! As the ECHO program continues to grow and expand in Missouri, it is important to recognize and applaud our success. Therefore, we are excited to announce the first ever Show-Me ECHO Summit! This incredible opportunity brings together expert hub team members, participants, healthcare leaders, and other stakeholders to discuss the triumphs (and challenges) of ECHO in your community. We will highlight the value and impact of ECHO, discuss strategies to encourage participation, and showcase current programs. We will also consider and reflect on the vision of Show-Me ECHO for the future. **This virtual session will be held Friday, March 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is FREE, but you must sign up [here](#).** If you have any questions, please contact us at showmeecho@health.missouri.edu. We hope to see you at the Summit!

WORKING WITH MALES IN FAMILY PLANNING SETTINGS TRAINING — March 24

Missouri Family Health Council is excited to announce our upcoming training, [Working with Males in Family Planning Settings](#), presented by [Dr. David Bell](#). The training will be held on Thursday, March 24 from 10:00am – 11:00am. The training will cover best practices on family planning services for male clients, strategies for engaging all cisgender and transgender men in family planning care, and challenges & opportunities to discussing COVID vaccination in the family planning setting. Participants in the live training are eligible for CNEs and CHES CHECs free of charge. For those in the MFHC health center network, the training is free. For those outside of the MFHC health center network, the training costs \$10.00. We hope you'll join us by registering today!

For other training opportunities, please see Links to Valuable Resources that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MULTIPLE POSITION OPPORTUNITIES – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has openings for the following positions: Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian, Community Health Specialist and Client Services Specialist. The Health Center offers a competitive total compensation package and is located in the Greater Kansas City area. For more details on qualifications and position requirements, visit clayhealth.com.

SURVEILLANCE AND DATA ANALYTICS DIVISION MANAGER – Jackson County Health Department

Under the direction of the Assistant Health Director, the Surveillance and Analytics Division Manager ensures adequate provision of services for communicable disease control and data analytics in Jackson County. This position provides leadership and strategic direction to the Communicable Disease Manager and the Predictive & Data Analytics Coordinator. To apply click [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Jefferson County Health Department

This is professional community health nurse position working in the promotion and provision of nursing services in accordance with community focused health programs in the clinical setting. An employee in this class is responsible for the educational, investigative and community organization activities connected with community health nursing programs and performs nursing services in a clinical based setting. Additionally, the employee will experience involvement in community-based programs involving preventative education, immunization clinics and school clinical based specialized functions. Responsibilities are performed with considerable independence within established policies and professional guidance and supervision is provided by the Nursing Supervisor. Please apply [here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Lincoln County Health Department

This is a full-time position serving a county of 60,000. Major responsibilities include inspection, enforcement and collaboration within local ordinances, including food and wastewater, in a multi-EPHS office including clerical support. Must possess a high level of integrity, ability to consistently apply regulation and policies, and be a good communicator in writing and in person including occasional public speaking. The position has a high level of responsibility and autonomy. Agency vehicles provided; must have valid Missouri driver's license and the ability to attend internal and external meetings as required. Occasional off-hours work. Competitive pay with excellent and comprehensive benefits. Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with specialization in one or a combination of the following: biology, chemistry, bacteriology, food science, soil science, sanitary science, environmental health or in closely related physical or natural sciences AND at least two years professional experience; OR Master's or other graduate degree from an accredited college or university with specialization in the aforementioned subjects; in lieu of this, a combination of relevant prior work experience, training, and/or certifications may qualify. Send cover letter and résumé or CV to: Brett Siefert, Administrator, 5 Health Department Drive, Troy MO 63379 or to careers@lchdmo.org.

WIC NUTRITIONIST OR REGISTERED DIETITIAN – Newton County Health Department

Newton County Health Department is seeking a full-time Nutritionist or Registered Dietitian to provide individual assessment, counseling, and support for breastfeeding, pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. The position provides accurate nutrition assessments, assigns risk factors, and provides appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the state (WIC) program policies and procedures. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. Send a resume and cover letter to Larry Bergner, Administrator, Newton County Health Department, P.O. Box 447, Neosho, MO 64850. Resumes can be emailed to bergnerl@newtoncountyhealth.org.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Pettis County Health Center

Applications will be accepted for a Public Health Nurse, RN or experienced LPN, to provide a variety of public health nursing services. Primary focus will be chronic disease prevention and senior services. Other duties will include clinic services, community education and outreach services. Pay scale based upon experience, excellent benefits. Please submit resume by mail to the Pettis County Health Center, 911 East 16th Street, Sedalia, MO or online to Robin Bartlett at robin.bartlett@lpha.mo.gov. Pettis County Health Center is an Equal Opportunity employer. Position open until filled.

NUTRITIONIST – Shannon County Health Center

The Shannon County Health Center has an immediate opening for a WIC Nutritionist, to work in both Shannon and Texas Counties. The position is full-time with excellent benefits including retirement, insurance, holidays, vacation and sick leave. Applicants must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in nutrition or a closely related field; with at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition, including diet therapy and community nutrition. Applications can be picked up at 18018 Grey Jones Drive in Eminence or can be mailed upon request. Please submit an application and a current resume to: Shannon County Health Center, P.O. Box 788, Eminence, MO 65466 or email to Kandra.Counts@lpha.mo.gov. For more information call 573-226-3914. Equal Opportunity Employer.

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department is hiring an Administrative Clerk for our WIC division. This opportunity is 40-hours per week, non-exempt. This position is responsible for helping to determine eligibility of WIC participants by performing income assessment and obtaining and entering participant information. Other duties but not limited to include answering phones, scheduling, data entry, customer service, verbal and written communication, handling payments, vital records, greeting and basic office duties. Minimum requirements for this position include possession of a high school diploma or GED. Previous WIC, Health clinic, or Public Health experience is a plus, however not required. Strong customer service skills, excellent computer skills, and multitasker needed. Experience in Electronic Health records is a plus. For more information, essential functions, and how to apply click [here](#) or e-mail tiffany.stevens@lpha.mo.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department will be accepting resumes for a full-time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt Environmental Public Health Specialist. Duties include performing responsible, professional work enforcing public health, sanitation, environmental laws and regulations, and investigating public health issues. Ensures the health of the general public through education and enforcement of health ordinances and regulations. Inspectors ensure the health of the public through inspection and licensing of food and lodging establishments; inspection of special food events such as festivals; and through 24-hour disaster response to ensure public health for events such as fires and floods.

Requirements: Graduation from an accredited four year college/university with course work (30 semester hours minimum) in public health, environmental health, biology, chemistry, bacteriology, or sanitary science or combination.

Restaurant or food service experience is a plus. Open until filled. For more information and how to apply visit:

<https://www.taneycohealth.org/>

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department will be accepting resumes for a part-time, 32 hours a week, non-exempt Public Health Nurse. Responsibilities include communicable disease investigation and response, family planning, vaccinations, pregnancy testing, lead testing, and other public health program responsibilities as assigned. Minimum requirements: A current RN license in the State of Missouri and a BSN in Nursing and one year of work experience in nursing or a closely related field is preferred however not required. Deadline is open until filled. For more information, position description and how to apply visit <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Acting Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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